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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 16, 2022

## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 16, 2022**

*Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of Jesus in the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.*

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Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader  
**Bold text is spoken by the congregation**

### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

In the presence of God who gives life to all things, in the light of Christ who came to save sinners, and with the sustaining gift of the Holy Spirit, we confess our sins.

*Silence for personal reflection*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions.**

**We have sinned against you when we have ignored the poor at our gates.**

**We have sinned against you when we have used others for our own gain.**

**We have sinned against you when we have not listened to your word that calls us to repentance.**

**Turn us again to you that we may live in newness of life and serve you and our neighbors for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Give thanks to the God of heaven,

**God's mercy endures forever** (*Psalm 136:26*)

By the grace of God in Christ Jesus, who gave himself up for us all, our sins are forgiven and we are made free. Rejoice with one another, we are home in God's mercy forever.

**Amen**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

***“Glory be to God in Heaven”***



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!



## \*GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### **And also with you.**

O Lord God, tireless protector of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.

Teach us to trust day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen**

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

### Genesis 32:22–31

<sup>22</sup>During the night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two servant wives, and his eleven sons and crossed the Jabbok River with them. <sup>23</sup>After taking them to the other side, he sent over all his possessions. <sup>24</sup>This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. <sup>26</sup>Then the man said, "Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!" But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>"What is your name?" the man asked. He replied, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>"Your name will no longer be Jacob," the man told him. "From now on you will be called Israel, because you have fought with God and with men and have won." <sup>29</sup>"Please tell me your name," Jacob said. "Why do you want to know my name?" the man replied. Then he blessed Jacob there. <sup>30</sup>Jacob named the place Peniel (which means "face of God"), for he said, "I have seen God face to face, yet my life has been spared." <sup>31</sup>The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 121 – *read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

<sup>2</sup>**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

<sup>4</sup>**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

<sup>5</sup>the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

<sup>6</sup>**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

## 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: <sup>2</sup>proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *please sing two times*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 18:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup>In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup>And

will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>81</sup>I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ!

**MESSAGE**

***“Widow or Judge?”***

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”***

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,  
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my  
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's  
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -

guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!  
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire!  
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.  
trust re - move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

**\*PROFESSION OF FAITH** – *Apostles Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Each petition ends...*

Lord, in your mercy...**hear our prayer.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(We greet one another with the words “Peace be with you”)*

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

**BELL CHOIR**

**“Allegro”** – C. Dobrinski

## \*OFFERTORY



1 Oh, what shall I ren - der in thanks to my Lord  
2 My hands take the cup of sal - va - tion you give;



for all the good gifts by which I am re - stored?  
I'll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.



No trea - sure I ten - der could ev - er re - pay  
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,



God's mer - cy and faith - ful - ness, new ev - 'ry day.  
with all of your peo - ple your good - ness pro - claim.

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

God our provider,

**you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.**

**Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your abundance,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WE SHARE IN THE MEAL

## \*THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.** (*Lamentations 3:41*)

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.** (*2 Thessalonians 1:3*)

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world. Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION



1 Lamb of God, come take a - way the sin of all the  
2 Lamb of God who'd give your soul to see a bro - ken  
3 Lamb of God, ris - en Lord, † heal us with your  
4 Lamb of God, Ho - ly One, † bring us peace when



world to - day: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -  
world made whole: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -  
liv - ing word: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -  
day is done: have mer - cy up - on us, mer - cy up -



on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.  
on us, mer - cy up - on us, and give us your peace.

**WE ARE SENT TO SERVE**

**\*BLESSING AND PRAYER**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**\* BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine brightly upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

\*CLOSING HYMN

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
when my life is al - most gone;  
and the day is past and gone,

through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall:  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

## \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

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## St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present
Acolyte	-Maddox Schneider
Organist/Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Lector	-MacKenna Whitacre
Usher Team Leader	-Jim Wyse
Sound System	-Bill Phelps
Altar Guild	-Michelle Collins, Robin Trudel
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Jeff & Jo Ann Benecke

***Worship includes the celebration of Communion today.*** We will be distributing communion in a continuous fashion. As you come forward you will receive the bread and then you can move to the side to receive the wine. Please pick up your own glass from the wine tray unless you need assistance. The center light-colored glasses are grape juice. Please place your empty wine glass in the basket as you return to your seat by the side aisle.

**Deacon Steve** will be in Indianapolis this week as he begins his TEEM (Theological Education for Emerging Ministries) classes. He will be gone Monday - Friday. Please call the Church Office if you need Pastoral Care. There will be no Catechism or Chancel Choir this week.

**Matthew Wachtman** will be having an organ recital, **today, October 16, 2:00 pm** at St. John United Church of Christ, Defiance (near Defiance College campus, 950 Webster St.). Matthew is a Defiance native and grew up at St. Mark's, Defiance. He gave a recital here at St. Martin's last summer. Tickets are \$25.00 at the door, sponsored by the Stroede Arts Center.

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday

6:00 pm each Wednesday

-9:00 Sunday – live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7 ESV

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Weeping Willow Florist along with the Pettisville Man Cave Ministries invites you to **Holy Tears**, a widow/widower event, that will take place on Tues. **Oct. 25** at Pettisville Missionary Church from 5p-8p. The evening will include appetizers, dinner, a fresh floral take-home vase, and a program presented by the staff of Weeping Willow Florist. This event is free to the widows & widowers of our community. Reservations must be made for the event by calling Weeping Willow at 419-445-7773, and must be received BY Oct. 15. If you have any questions, please contact Weeping Willow Florist M-F 9a-5p. Check the flyer on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**Hurricane Relief**...The Orphan Grain Train, a non-profit faith-based organization with a warehouse in Napoleon, is gathering NEW supplies to take to areas devastated by the recent hurricanes.

The area-wide gathering is Sunday afternoon, October 23. So, on Sunday October 16 and again on Sunday, October 23, Cecily's adult class is sponsoring a collection from St. Martins for the Grain Train. You could bring items to the Fellowship Hall that we'll put in a trailer and deliver to Napoleon on the 23rd between noon and 2:30. Collecting NEW buckets, mops, brooms, garbage cans, shovels, rakes and work gloves. AND un-opened soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, towels, wash cloth, comb band-aids., face masks. **Remember, all must be new.**

If you'd rather give money, make a check to "Orphan Grain Train-Ohio." Memo line: Hurricane Ian2022. We'll deliver the checks the same afternoon. Our local banker friend Diann Meyer-Grieser is the area Secretary-Treasurer for the group.

## **This Week at St. Martin's**

### **Today – October 16**

Worship, 9:00 am, Holy Communion  
Sunday School, 10:20 am  
Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am

### **Tuesday – October 18**

Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 6:30 am at McDonald's  
Community Meal, 5:00 – 6:00 pm, St. John Christian

### **Wednesday – October 19**

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm  
Welcome Place Worship, 6:00 pm  
No Catechism  
Adult Circle, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Bells, 6:30 pm  
No Chancel Choir

### **Thursday – October 20**

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00 am, at Home Restaurant  
Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am  
Newsletter Deadline, 9:00 am

### **Next Sunday – October 23**

Worship, 9:00 am  
Sunday School, 10:20 am  
Adult Sunday School, 10:30 am

# Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

## Receipts Week of 10/9/2022 Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$4,922.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$6,230.00
Benevolence Received	\$508.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$570.00
Other Designated Income	\$315.00	9/30/2022	
Total Income	\$5,745.00	YTD Operating Received	\$189,515.98
Worship: Sun./Wed./Total	113/21/134	YTD Operating Expenses	(\$140,561.55)
Sunday School	63	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$48,954.43



## St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:  
All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming  
in a cloud with power and great glory  
All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord,  
Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King  
Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be  
supported in their ministry to the Church  
The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry  
out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania  
Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out  
God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area  
St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling St. Martin's Youth Leader  
People of Ukraine during this time of unrest, may they know the presence of our Lord Jesus  
All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers and all who have lost family members & friends to  
covid may we know the ever-present grace of God  
For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God  
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son  
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend  
Jerry Geiger  
Sharon Heckel  
Steve & Sue Hurst, Health Concerns  
Amy Johns  
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia  
Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney  
Michael, Pastor & Linda Koch, friends of Melanie & Dick Nagel  
Bonnie R. Lauber  
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin  
Heather Nehls Witten, daughter of Marie Nehls & Tarry Nehls, cancer  
Eva Pahl, Pat Basselman's niece, health concerns  
Janice Siegel, Dustin Bailey's mother, cancer  
Al Siewert  
Jonathan Siewert  
Joe Wyse  
Kelsy Wyse  
Homebound – Louise Wyse, Steward Wyse  
For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near  
All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry  
Our College students both close to home and far away  
All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams,  
Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Ashtyn  
Frederick, Christopher Goertz, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Spencer Short  
①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①  
(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)



# All Saints Commemoration Candles of Remembrance November 6<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 Worship



"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

- Rev. 14:13

On the church calendar, November 6<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Sunday; a time to commemorate loved ones who have been received into the Church Triumphant during the past year, a time to claim the comfort of the Christian faith that trusts God's promise of eternal life in Christ.

During Worship, we remember those members of St. Martin's Congregation who have died in the preceding 12 months since the last All Saints Sunday. In addition, anyone may request that a loved one who has died in the past 12 months be remembered.

For each name included, there will be a candle at the front of the church. A representative of each person for whom we remember will be invited to come forward and light the "Candle of Remembrance".

In order that we may have adequate number of candles we ask that requests be made on or before Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Request forms for a candle of remembrance will be available in the bulletin or the Church Office.

# All Saints Commemoration

Please use this form to request commemoration of a loved one during Worship and with a candle on All Saints Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Loved One's Name:

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Person Making Request

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Relationship:

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Date of Death:

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Person Lighting Candle of Remembrance:

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